

Mudgett Island, and all of Metcalfe Island, in addition to the open areas described in C3 above.

6. During the State regular firearms season, Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and muzzleloader big game season, you must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

7. You may use portable tree stands in accordance with State regulations guiding their use on State Wildlife Management Areas. We require written approval from the refuge manager on your big game hunting permit prior to leaving a stand or blind unattended. We prohibit permanent stands and blinds (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

8. Conditions B6, B7, and B8 apply.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on areas described below in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport fishing by boat in the west branch, east branch and main channel of the Missisquoi River, Dead Creek, and shallow water areas of the Missisquoi River delta from Goose Bay to Charcoal Creek (north of Vermont Route 78) with the following exceptions:

i. We close the following areas from ice out to July 15—Goose Bay, Saxs Creek and Pothole, Metcalfe Island Pothole, Long Marsh Channel, and Clark Marsh.

ii. We close the following areas from Labor Day to December 31—Long Marsh Bay and Long Marsh Channel.

2. We allow bank fishing along Charcoal Creek where it passes under Route 78, and along the shoreline of the Missisquoi River from refuge headquarters to Mac's Bend boat launch. Bank fishing is accessible only by foot along the Missisquoi River from Louie's Landing to Mac's Bend.

3. We prohibit fishing from any dike or from within any water management unit or any other area not specifically designated as being open under D1 and D2 above.

4. We allow ice fishing in open areas described in D1 above.

5. We allow bow fishing from a boat on refuge waters that are open to fishing as described in D1 above.

6. We prohibit taking fish with firearms within refuge boundaries.

7. We allow boat launching from Louie's Landing year-round. We allow boat launching from Mac's Bend boat launch area from September through November inclusive.

8. Anglers may collect minnows in accordance with State regulations from refuge open fishing areas for personal use. We prohibit collection of more than 2 quarts (1.9 l) per day from the refuge.

9. We authorize commercial bait dealers to take and transport minnows in excess of 2 quarts (1.9 l) per day only after acquiring a

refuge Special Use Permit that will contain the following special conditions:

i. We require a \$35 fee for the Special Use Permit.

ii. The permittee must possess and carry a Commercial Bait Dealer's Permit from the Vermont Commissioner of Fish.

iii. Excessive fish mortality and waste, as determined by the refuge manager, will result in revocation of the Special Use Permit and denial of future permit applications.

iv. The permittee must remove all traps and holding cages (see § 27.93 of this chapter) within 1 week of permanent freeze up.

v. The Special Use Permit must be in the possession of the permittee or an employee of the permittee on site while on the refuge and is not transferable to another individual or party.

vi. The Special Use Permit does not grant or imply permission to obstruct any refuge road, parking area, boat launch, or waterway at any time.

vii. The permittee must keep all equipment used clean so as not to introduce aquatic nuisance species. The permittee must not clean or empty tanks and other equipment used into refuge waters.

viii. Failure to comply with conditions of the Special Use Permit will result in its revocation and the denial of future permit applications.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

BACK BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the refuge to all other public uses beginning at legal sunrise on the first Saturday of October through legal sunset of the following Saturday.

2. We require a Special Use Hunting Permit. You must carry the signed permit on your person while hunting. We issue permits on the day of the hunt at the Refuge Check Station.

3. We only allow shotguns 20 gauge or larger (loaded with buckshot or rifled slugs) and bow and arrow. We prohibit possession of loaded firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) or

nocked arrows on refuge roads and Refuge Proclamation Waters.

4. We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt deer or feral hog.

5. You must be at least age 18 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youths between ages 12 and 18 may only hunt when accompanied by a licensed non-hunting adult who is age 21 or older.

6. You must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, blaze-orange material on your head, chest, and back (the equivalent of a hat and vest for each hunter).

7. We reserve Hunting Zone 5 for use by nonambulatory hunters. We define a "non-ambulatory" hunter as "any person who presents a medical doctor's written statement that said person is permanently unable to walk." Zone 5 will be available to the general public only when nonambulatory hunters are not present.

8. We will decide reservations for hunt days and zones by a computerized lottery at the refuge headquarters in mid-September. You may obtain a hunt application by calling the Back Bay Refuge headquarters at (757) 721-2412 during August.

9. We restrict scouting to the week prior to the refuge hunt. We restrict access to hunting zones to travel by bicycle or on foot. Scouts must wear 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of visible blaze orange. We prohibit weapons *see* § 27.42(a) of this chapter) during scouting. Scouts must notify refuge staff daily prior to both entering and leaving a hunt zone.

10. You must register at the Refuge Entrance Fee Booth between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on the day of the hunt. After 5 a.m., we will allow standby hunters to fill vacant slots in a separate lottery. All hunters must check out at the Check Station no later than 6 p.m.

11. Transportation to Hunt Zone 7 (Long Island) is only by car-top boat (canoe, punt, row-boat, etc.) or from the canoe/kayak launch at refuge headquarters. Hunter-provided boats must meet Coast Guard safety requirements. We prohibit boats on trailers.

12. A Safety Zone runs from the Check Station to north of the headquarters parking lot. We prohibit hunting or discharging of firearms/bow and arrows within the Safety Zone. We prohibit retrieval of crippled game from a No Hunting Area or Safety Zone without the consent of the refuge employee on duty at the Check Station.

13. You must use safety belts at all times while you are in a tree stand.

14. We close the "Hacking Tower" in Hunt Zone 3 to public access.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing, non-commercial crabbing, and clamming on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close all areas within the hunting zones, as well as the refuge oceanfront, to fishing, crabbing, and clamming during the annual refuge white-tailed deer and feral hog hunt, beginning at legal sunrise on the first Saturday in October through legal sunset of the following Saturday.

2. You must attend all fishing lines and crab pots at all times.

3. We prohibit on-site cleaning of fish.

4. We prohibit the taking of amphibian, reptile, marine mammal, aquatic invertebrate, or any other marine organism from refuge lands or waters.

5. We allow sportfishing, crabbing, and clamming access to Back Bay from the refuge headquarters parking lot only by foot, bicycle, and hand-launched, nontrailered boat.

6. We only allow surf fishing, crabbing, and clamming south of the refuge's beach access ramp.

7. For sportfishing in D Pool and at Horn Point:

i. We only allow fishing from the docks or banks. We prohibit boats, canoes, or kayaks on refuge pools and impoundments.

ii. We prohibit live minnows or other live bait fish for fishing in refuge pools and impoundments.

iii. We require barbless or flattened hooks for all fishing.

iv. Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and pickerel are catch-and-release only. The daily creel limit for D Pool for other species is a maximum combination of any 10 fish.

v. Parking for mobility-impaired visitors is available adjacent to the dock at D Pool. We require all other visitors to hike or bicycle.

CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of migratory duck, goose, swan, coot, and rail on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the State seasons on designated areas of the refuge within Wildcat Marsh, Morris Island, Assawoman Island, and Metompkin Island Divisions in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry while hunting on the refuge written authorization from the refuge. You may obtain hunting brochures containing an application for permission to hunt from the refuge administration building during normal business hours. The refuge administration office has available hunting brochures containing application procedures, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits.

2. Each youth hunter (under age 18) must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older. The supervising adult must

also possess and carry a State hunting license and a refuge permit.

3. You may only access hunting areas by boat.

4. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (*see* §32.2(k)) while hunting duck, goose, swan, coot, and rail.

5. You may erect portable blinds and deploy decoys, but you must remove the blinds and decoys (*see* §27.93 of this chapter) daily.

6. You may use trained dogs to assist in the retrieval of harvested birds.

7. You must complete a harvest report card, provided by the refuge, after each hunt period. You must return the harvest report card to the refuge within 15 days of your permitted hunt.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. General hunt information:

i. You must possess and carry a refuge permit. We issue the permits based on a computer lottery system. You may obtain permit applications from the refuge administration office during normal business hours. Hunting brochures containing hunting application procedures, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available from the refuge administration office.

ii. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. An adult age 18 or older must accompany hunters under age 18. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

iii. You must attend a hunt orientation. We conduct orientations beginning at 10 a.m. Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the hunt season. We allow scouting from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. following each orientation.

iv. You must sign in at the hunter registration station prior to entering your hunt zone and sign out upon exiting your hunt zone. All hunters must sign out no later than 2 hours after the end of the hunt day.

v. You must check all harvested animals at the refuge's official check station.

vi. You must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded animals from the field and must notify the check station personnel immediately if you are not able to recover a wounded animal.

vii. We prohibit crossing water management areas unless you are retrieving a harvested animal.

viii. We prohibit use of a boat, all-terrain vehicle, bicycle, or saddled animal to access or travel within your hunt zone (*see* §27.31(f) of this chapter).

ix. We allow the use of a portable tree stand.

2. Archery hunt information:

i. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika with bow and arrow in designated areas of the refuge.

ii. You may not nock an arrow within 50 feet (15 m) of the centerline of any road.

iii. During the sika archery season, you may take up to five sika daily, two of which may be antlered. In addition, you may take antlerless white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations.

iv. We prohibit deer drives.

v. You must print your full name in a permanent manner near the fletching on each arrow shaft used for hunting.

vi. We reserve Zone 2 for hunters confined to wheelchairs. Hunters confined to wheelchairs must remain on the paved trail or overlook platform on Woodland Trail. Hunters confined to wheelchairs who require assistance retrieving or dressing harvested animals must have a nonhunting assistant available.

3. Firearm hunt information:

i. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika with firearms in designated areas of the refuge.

ii. You must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of visible blaze-orange material consisting of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat.

iii. You may use any firearm allowed by State law in designated areas of the refuge. We restrict other areas of the refuge to shotgun and muzzleloading firearms only. We restrict shotgun ammunition to slugs, 00 buckshot, or 000 buckshot. You must unload and either case or disassemble firearms (*see* §27.42(b) of this chapter) in vehicles.

iv. We prohibit possession of a loaded firearm within 50 feet (15 m) of the centerline of any road.

v. During the sika firearm season, you may take up to five sika daily, two of which may be antlered. In addition, hunters may take antlerless white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations on the first day of designated white-tailed deer hunt periods. If you take an antlerless white-tailed deer on the first day of your hunt, you may take antlered white-tailed deer or any sika, not to exceed prescribed bag limits, on the second day of your hunt period. If you do not take an antlerless white-tailed deer on the first day of your hunt period, you may only take antlerless white-tailed deer or any sika, not to exceed prescribed bag limits, on the second day of your hunt period.

vi. You must have a 4-wheel drive vehicle to hunt in zones 10, 10a, and Tom's Cove Hook. All oversand vehicles must carry a shovel, jack, tow rope or chain, board or similar support for the jack, and a low pressure tire gauge.

vii. We reserve zone 2 for hunters confined to wheelchairs. Those hunters must remain on the paved trail or overlook platform on Woodland Trail. They may use any firearm

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allowed by State law while hunting from the overlook platform. We restrict other areas of the zone to shotgun and muzzleloading firearms only. Hunters confined to wheelchairs who require assistance retrieving and/or dressing harvested animals must have a non-hunting assistant available.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and clamming from the shoreline of the refuge in designated areas of Tom's Cove, Swan's Cove, and the Atlantic Ocean in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may not enter any water management areas.
2. You must attend minnow traps, crab traps, crab pots, and handlines at all times.
3. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to surf fish after hours while fishing.

EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow archery and shotgun hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. There are 12 days of archery and 7 days of shotgun hunting that occur during the State hunting season.
2. You must hunt white-tailed deer in designated zones. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to hunt that serves as your pass to enter your hunt zone. The permit fee is \$15.00 for each hunt.
3. You must be at least age 18 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youth hunters between ages 12 and 17 may only hunt when accompanied by an adult age 21 or older who must possess and carry a valid hunting license. The minimum age for hunters is 12.
4. You must sign in before entering the hunt zone and sign out upon leaving the zone.
5. We allow portable tree stands, but you must remove them (*see* §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day. You must use safety straps while in tree stands. We prohibit tree stands attached with nails, wire, screws, or bolts (*see* §32.2(i)).
6. You must bring all deer harvested to the refuge check station before the end of hunt day for inspection by refuge personnel.
7. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.
8. We prohibit nocked arrows in your vehicle or outside your hunt zone.
9. For the firearm hunt, we allow shotgun hunting in zones 1-4. We allow archery hunting in zone 5 during the firearm season.
10. We only allow shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, loaded with buckshot during the firearm season.

11. During the firearm hunt, you must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of a blaze-orange material consisting of a hat and vest or jacket. Blaze-orange camouflage is not acceptable.

12. You must unload and case or disassemble firearms *see* §27.42(b) of this chapter) in vehicles.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer and bear on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.
2. We allow shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, loaded with buckshot and/or rifled slugs, and bows and arrows.
3. We prohibit dogs.
4. We require all hunters to wear 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material in a visible manner during firearms big game season.
5. We require hunters to sign in and out each hunt day.
6. We prohibit possession of loaded firearms (*see* §27.42 of this chapter) (ammunition in the chamber, magazine, or clip), or loaded bow on or within 50 feet (15 m) of a refuge road, including roads closed to vehicles.
7. We prohibit hunters to shoot onto or across refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing in Lake Drummond and in the Feeder Ditch on the east side of Lake Drummond during daylight hours.
2. We prohibit bank fishing.
3. You must attend all fishing lines.
4. We require permits for vehicular access to the boat ramp on Interior Ditch Road on the west side of Lake Drummond.

JAMES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]
B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require firearm hunters to purchase a refuge hunt permit at the Refuge Hunter Check Station on the morning of each hunt on a first-come, first-served basis. The hunter must possess and carry the permit while on refuge property.

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2. We require archery hunters to purchase a refuge hunt permit by mail by the designated application deadline. The hunter must possess and carry the permit while on refuge property.

3. We allow the use of shotguns (20 gauge or larger, loaded with buckshot only), muzzleloaders, and bows and arrows on designated refuge hunt days.

4. You may take two deer of either sex per day.

5. We prohibit dogs.

6. We only allow portable tree stands that you must remove (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each hunt day.

7. During firearms season, all hunters must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

8. During archery only season, archers must wear in a visible manner a solid-colored, hunter-orange hat or cap while moving to and from their stand.

9. We require that firearm hunters remain within 25 feet (7.5 m) of their assigned stand unless tracking or retrieving a wounded deer.

10. We allow hunters to retrieve wounded deer from closed areas with prior consent from a refuge employee only.

11. We require hunters to unload all weapons while on the refuge (see §27.42(b) of this chapter), except when at their assigned stand.

12. We prohibit the discharge of firearm or archery equipment across or within refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles.

13. You must be at least age 18 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youth hunters between ages 12 and 17 may only hunt when accompanied by an adult age 21 or older, who must also possess and carry a valid hunting license. The minimum age for hunters is 12.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

MACKAY ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must sign and carry a Refuge Deer Hunting Permit while hunting on the refuge.

2. We allow the use of shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles/shotguns, and bows. We prohibit the use of all other rifles and pistols.

3. We allow access to hunting areas from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m.

4. We prohibit marking of trees or vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from sunrise to sunset from March 15 through October 15.

2. You must attend all fishing lines.

3. We do not allow airboats.

MASON NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and County regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.

2. We select hunters by lottery. Contact the refuge office for information on application dates.

3. We send applicants an information packet detailing specific dates, details, and requirements for the hunt, including, but not limited to: hunt dates, hunt areas, bag restrictions, weapon certification requirements and locations, orientation dates/times, scouting date(s), check station location, and maps.

4. Hunters must certify/qualify weapons and ammunition and attend an orientation session prior to issuance of a permit.

5. Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of visible solid hunter-orange clothing and a hunter-orange hat.

6. We may close areas of the refuge to hunting. We will identify these areas on the maps in the information packet and review them during orientation.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

OCCOQUAN BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and County regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.

2. We select hunters by lottery. Contact the refuge office for information on application dates.

3. We send applicants an information packet detailing specific dates, details, and requirements for the hunt, including, but not limited to: hunt dates, hunt areas, bag restrictions, weapon certification requirements and locations, orientation dates/times, scouting date(s), check station location, and maps.

4. Hunters must certify/qualify weapons and ammunition and attend an orientation session prior to issuance of a permit.

5. Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of visible solid

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hunter-orange clothing and a hunter-orange hat.

6. We may close areas of the refuge to hunting. We will identify these areas on the maps in the information packet and review them during orientation.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

PLUM TREE ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of waterfowl, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed Special Use Hunting Permit while hunting waterfowl on the refuge. We only open the Cow Island area of the refuge to waterfowl hunting. We close all other areas of the refuge to all public entry.

2. We limit hunting parties to three individuals hunting at one blind site.

3. You may hunt from: the location of your choice, unimproved shore locations, camouflaged boats (float blinds) anchored to the shore, or temporary blinds erected on the interior of the island.

4. We prohibit permanent blinds/structures on the refuge.

5. We prohibit jump-shooting.

6. Except for peak use days, we restrict waterfowl hunting to three mornings per week: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings until 12 p.m. (noon) local time. We prohibit hunting on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

7. On all hunt days, hunters must retrieve and remove all decoys, temporary blinds, and equipment and leave Cow Island by 1 p.m. (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

8. We define peak use days as the waterfowl season opening days and some Federal holidays. We will define peak use dates for the current season after the State establishes its waterfowl hunting season(s).

9. You must secure reservations by telephone (call 804-829-9020 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) no more than 4 working days prior to your desired hunt date. We will issue the first five callers for those days a reservation number that they must possess and carry while hunting on their reserved date.

10. No more than two other hunters may accompany hunters with reservations, and they must hunt as a party from the same blind.

11. Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day: We will open Cow Island for the youth waterfowl hunt as per State regulations. Youth hunters must also possess and carry a signed refuge Special Use Hunting Permit.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

PRESQUILE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to purchase a refuge hunt permit. You may obtain permits by contacting the Charles City office at (804) 829-9020. The hunter must possess and carry the signed permit while on refuge property.

2. We allow the use of shotguns (20 gauge or larger, loaded with buckshot and/or rifled slugs).

3. You may take two deer of either sex per day.

4. We prohibit dogs.

5. We allow only portable tree stands that hunters must remove at the end of each hunt day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We require hunters to wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

7. We require hunters to remain within 25 feet (7.5 m) of their designated stand unless tracking or retrieving a wounded deer.

8. We require all hunters to unload all firearms while on the refuge, except when at their assigned stand (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter).

9. You must be at least age 18 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youth hunters between ages 12 and 17 may only hunt when accompanied by an adult age 21 or older who must also possess and carry a valid hunting license. The minimum age for hunters is 12.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to purchase a refuge hunt permit. You may obtain permits by contacting the refuge headquarters at (804) 333-1470. The hunter must possess and carry the permit while on refuge property.

2. We allow shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery hunting on designated refuge hunt days.

3. We allow the take of two deer of either sex per day.

4. We prohibit dogs.

5. We allow only portable tree stands that hunters must remove at the end of each hunt day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. During firearm seasons, all hunters must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and

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back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

7. During archery only season, archers must wear in a visible manner a solid-colored, hunter-orange hat or cap while moving to and from their stand.

8. We prohibit the possession of loaded firearms or nocked arrows while on the refuge roads.

9. We require hunters to unload all weapons while traveling between the hunting sites (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter).

10. We prohibit the discharge of a firearm or archery equipment across or within refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles.

11. We allow hunters to retrieve wounded deer from closed areas only with prior consent from a refuge employee.

12. You must be at least age 18 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youth hunters between ages 12 and 17 may only hunt when accompanied by an adult age 21 or older who must also possess and carry a valid hunting license. The minimum age for hunters is 12.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of Wilna Pond in Richmond County subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing access from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing from the Wilna Pond pier, banks of the dam, and watercraft. We prohibit fishing from the aluminum catwalk.

3. During the period when we open the Wilna Tract for deer hunting, we will close it to all other uses, including fishing.

4. We prohibit fishing by any means other than by use of one or more attended poles with hook and line attached.

5. We prohibit the use of lead sinkers.

6. We require catch and release fishing only for largemouth bass. Anglers may take other finfish species in accordance with State regulations.

7. We prohibit the take of any reptile, amphibian, or invertebrate species for use as bait or for any other purpose.

8. We prohibit the use of live minnows as bait.

9. We prohibit use of boats propelled by gasoline motors, sail, or mechanically operated paddle wheel. We only permit car-top boats; and we prohibit trailers.

10. Prescheduled environmental education field trips will have priority over other uses, including sport fishing, on the Wilna Pond pier at all times.

WALLOPS ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit. We issue permits based on a computer lottery system. You may obtain permit applications from the refuge administration office during normal business hours. Hunting brochures containing application procedures, seasons, and maps depicting areas open to hunting are available from the refuge administration office. You must provide an unobstructed view of the refuge permit on the vehicle's dashboard while hunting on the refuge.

2. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. An adult age 18 or older must accompany and directly supervise hunters under age 18. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

3. You must sign in at the hunter registration station prior to entering your hunt zone and sign out upon exiting your hunt zone. You must sign out no later than two hours after the end of the hunt day.

4. You must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of blaze-orange material consisting of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat.

5. You may use of portable tree stands.

6. We prohibit dogs.

7. You must park your vehicle in designated areas (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 29077, May 18, 1993; 58 FR 29085, May 18, 1993; 59 FR 6686, Feb. 11, 1994; 60 FR 62048, Dec. 4, 1995; 61 FR 46399, Sept. 3, 1996; 62 FR 47383, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46922, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30792, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56409, Sept. 18, 2000; 67 FR 58951, Sept. 18, 2002; 68 FR 57318, Oct. 2, 2003; 69 FR 54362, 54465, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54194, Sept. 13, 2005]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

COLUMBIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and Wilson's snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays on Marsh Unit 1 and Farm Units 226–227.

2. Prior to entering the Farm Unit 226–227 hunt area, we require you to possess and carry a refuge permit, pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment.

3. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway,